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ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

SUMMARY: COMMISSION ADOPTED FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ECOSOC ACTION TO ESTABLISH ORDERLY PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING, REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION, INCLUDING ROLE OF POPULATION DIVISION, POPCOM AND ECOSOC. ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ON POPULATION AND STATUS OF WOMEN; PROGRAM OF WORK; OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT NATIONAL REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF WPPA; GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNERS TO CONSIDER POPULATION MATTERS IN DEVELOPMENT; COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO PROTECT INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS. PROPOSED ACTION ON RESOLUTION ON LAW AND POPULATION WAS DEFERRED TO NEXT SESSION; APPROVED GENERAL TERMS OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR NEXT SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. ON FEBRUARY 26, FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIFIC ACTION BY ECOSOC, SEVEN RESOLUTIONS AND ONE FOOTNOTE INTRODUCED. CONSIDERATION THESE AND REPORT CONSTITUTED UNCLASSIFIED

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FINAL ACTION COMMISSION.

2. RECOMMENDATION I. ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. PROPOSES ECOSOC REQUEST POPCOM (A) EXAMINE MONITORING WPPA ON A BIENNIAL BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WPPA PARA 107 AND PRESENT FINDINGS TO ECOSOC AND (B) CARRY OUT COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL PROGRESS MADE PURSUANT WPPA PARA 108 AND SUBMIT FINDINGS TO ECOSOC. USE ALL RELEVANT UN AGENCIES TO COORDINATE ACTION.

3. RECOMMENDATION II. ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. PROPOSES ECOSOC DECIDE POPCOM SHOULD CONTINUE STATUS AS FUNCTIONAL COMMISSION, PRESERVING CHARACTER AS EXPERT GOVERNMENTAL BODY ON POPULATION MATTERS.

4. RECOMMENDATION III. ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. PROPOSES COUNCIL DECIDE TO REVIEW IN DEPTH ON BIENNIAL BASIS POPULATION QUESTIONS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE IMPLEMENTATION WPPA AND AT ITS DISCRETION CONSIDER PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF POPULATION MATTERS AT OTHER SESSIONS.

5. RECOMMENDATION IV. PROPOSAL BY SWEDEN WOULD HAVE HAD ECOSOC REQUEST UNDDII COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL INCORPORATE IN REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PRINCIPLES, OBJECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS "CONTAINED IN PARAS 14(C), 15(D) AND 19" OF WPPA. DELEGATIONS UK, DENMARK, BRAZIL, USSR AND US OPPOSED QUOTED PARAS OF OTHER SPECIFIC PARAS. SWEDEN WITHDREW. RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITHOUT QUOTED LANGUAGE.

6. RESOLUTION ON POPULATION, STATUS OF WOMEN, AND INTEGRATION WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT HAD BEEN DRAFTED IN WASHINGTON AND MODERATELY REVISED IN CONSULTATION WITH UN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND INTERESTED DELEGATIONS BEFORE TABLED BY U.S. DEL AND CO-SPONSORED BY COSTA RICA, DENMARK, EGYPT, INDIA, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, UK. VARIETY SMALL AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED DURING FLOOR DEBATE. PENULTIMATE PREAMBULAR CLAUSE REVISED TO MEET OBJECTION BRAZIL. IT NOW QUOTES WPPA PARAS 42 AND 43 VERBATIM. OPERATIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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PARA 1(C) CONFORMED TO WPPA AND READS "TO RECOMMEND THAT COUPLES AND INDIVIDUALS" ETC. OP PARA 2 (A) REVISED TO CALL FOR PARTICULAR ATTENTION IN PROCESS OF MONITORING WPPA TO PROGRESS BEING MADE IN EVOLVING STATUS OF WOMEN. REVISED RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. GENERAL PURPOSE IS TO URGE NATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORTING WOMEN'S YEAR AND AT CONFERENCE TO TAKE NEXT STEPS TO CARRY OUT RESOLUTIONS ON STATUS OF WOMEN PREVIOUSLY

ADOPTED, ESPECIALLY WPPA PARAS. 41, 42, 43, RATHER THAN MERELY READOPTING SIMILAR LANGUAGE.

7. RESOLUTION ON LAW AND POPULATION DRAFTED HASTILY BY LUKE LEE OF TUFTS PROJECT AND CO-SPONSORED BY FRANCE, JAPAN, THAILAND, TUNISIA AND U.S. REQUESTED POPULATION DIVISION PROMOTE AND UNDERTAKE STUDY OF INTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW AND POPULATION; ALSO REQUESTED REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS INCORPORATE LAW COMPONENT IN POPULATION PROGRAMS AND REQUESTED SYG STUDY FEASIBILITY UN LEGISLATIVE SERIES ON POPULATION. RES OPENLY OPPOSED BY USSR AND BRAZIL. WHILE SUBJECT ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANT BY UK, FRANCE, INDIA, GHANA, DENMARK, TUNISIA, ECUADOR, INDONESIA GENERAL AGREEMENT DEVELOPED THAT COSTS TOO GREAT AND CONSIDERATION NOT ADEQUATE FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. DRAFT RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN WITH UNDERSTANDING DISCUSSION BE NOTED IN FINAL REPORT OF POPCOM WITH SUGGESTION SUBJECT BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT SESSION.

8. RESOLUTION ON PROGRAM OF WORK OF POPULATION, SELF-SERVINGLY AND POORLY DRAFTED BY SECRETARIAT WHICH THEN OBTAINED "SPONSORSHIP" COSTA RICA, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, FRANCE, INDIA, JAPAN, PANAMA, PERU AND INTRODUCED WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH U.S., UK OR SEVERAL OTHERS. CENTRAL PARA WOULD HAVE ECOSOC CALL ATTENTION UNGA TO "VIEW OF ECOSOC THAT RESOURCES NOW PLANNED ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO CARRY OUT VAST PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS OF WPPA AND WPC" AND NEED TO STRENGTHEN RESOURCES SUBSTANTIALLY TO ENABLE UN TO EXPAND WORK PROGRAM IN POPULATION FIELDS SUFFICIENTLY TO UNDERTAKE MONITORING, REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF WPPA. U.S. PROPOSED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDE LESS FULSOME STATEMENTS: FIRST WAS TO ENDORSE BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAM BUT ONLY TAKE NOTE OF MEDIUM TERM WORK PLAN RATHER THAN ENDORSE BOTH; UNCLASSIFIED

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SECOND CALLED ATTENTION UNGA TO ECOSOC'S VIEW THAT SECRETARIAT WILL NEED AT A MINIMUM PERSONNEL PLANNED FOR PROPOSED 1976-1977 PROGRAM AND ECOSOC'S CONCERN THAT THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT REGULAR PROGRAM AND ESSENTIAL NEW ACTIVITIES RELATING TO MONITORING, REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. THIRD REQUESTED UNGA TO CONSIDER WHETHER CURRENT PRIORITIES OF BUDGET AND PERSONNEL ARE ADEQUATE TO PERMIT SECRETARIAT TO CARRY OUT ITS REGULAR AND NEW ACTIVITIES. POSSIBILITIES OF WINNING THESE AMENDMENTS HOPELESS FROM BEGINNING IN VIEW COMMISSION'S CUSTOMARY UNCITICAL SUPPORT POPULATION DIVISION. IN RECORDED VOTES ALL LOST BY WIDE MARGINS. RESOLUTION THEN ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE. U.S. EXPLAINED WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED IF HAD BEEN A VOTE BECAUSE THOUGH FAVORING NEEDED FUNDS FOR POPULATION DIVISION BELIEVED

THIS WRONG WAY TO GET THEM AND RESOLUTION GENERALLY
POORLY WRITTEN.

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9. RESOLUTION ON OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
PROMOTED BY UK AND CO-SPONSORED BY GHANA AND JAPAN
REQUESTS SYG TO OBTAIN FOR POPCOM REPORTS FROM NATIONAL,
REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS ON ACTIONS BEING TAKEN
TO IMPLEMENT WPPA AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO POPCOM SIX
WEEKS BEFORE 19TH SESSION - ADOPTED 12(US)-3-3.

10. RESOLUTION ON GUIDELINES ON POPULATION-RELATED
FACTORS FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNERS PROMOTED BY UK AND
CO-SPONSORED BY EGYPT, GHANA, INDONESIA, JAPAN,
NETHERLANDS, PANAMA, SWEDEN, THAILAND, TUNISIA AND
U.S. RECOMMENDS ECOSOC REQUEST SYG IN CONSULTATION WITH
RELEVANT ORGANS OF UN, EXPERT ADVICE, AND TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHIC SITUATIONS AMONG
COUNTRIES, PREPARE GUIDELINES TO ASSIST AT THEIR REQUEST
DEVELOPMENTAL PLANNERS AT NATIONAL LEVEL TO TAKE POPU-
LATION RELATED FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DRAWING UP
PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT. ALSO REQUESTS SYG TO SUBMIT
GUIDELINES TO ECOSOC AT NINETEENTH SESSION FOR APPROVAL.
ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION TO BE
REFLECTED IN FINAL REPORT.

11. RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION PROPOSED BY
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PORTUGAL AND CO-SPONSORED BY ECUADOR, PANAMA AND PERU
AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED PROPOSED ECOSOC RECOMMEND ORGANIZATIONS
AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF UN SYSTEM WITHIN THE FRAME-
WORK OF THE ACC INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION
ESTABLISH AN AD HOC GROUP TO STUDY APPROPRIATE MEASURES
IN DEFINING OF RIGHTS OF EMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
AND REPORT TO UNGA THROUGH ECOSOC IN 1975. ALSO CALLED ON
SYG TO TAKE STEPS TO ESTABLISH GROUP. RESOLUTION CONSIDERED
UNDER GREAT PRESSURE AT LAST NIGHT SESSION. MUCH OPPOSITION
LED BY UK AND SUPPORTED BY U.S. ON GROUND SEVERAL AGENCIES
ALREADY CHARGED WITH THIS SUBJECT AND POPCOM NOT EQUIPPED
WITH INFRASTRUCTURE TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS
AS IN DRAFT. UK OFFERED SUBSTITUTE TO HAVE POPCOM EXPRESS
CONCERN FOR MIGRANTS AND RECOMMEND THAT UN BODIES
"CONSIDER" AN AD HOC GROUP. UK SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE ADOPTED
10(US)-5-6. DRAFT RESOLUTION THEN ADOPTED "WITHOUT OBJECTION."

12. FOOTNOTE. SWEDEN HAD PROPOSED FOOTNOTE TO RECOM-
MENDATIONS, I, II, III REPORTED ABOVE. REJECTED BECAUSE
ALL INTENDED MATTERS COVERED BY RECOMMENDATIONS.

13. DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR NINETEENTH SESSION.
WAS AGREED TO BE LEFT FLEXIBLE AND DIRECTOR POP DIVISION
REQUESTED CONSULT WITH POPULATION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
IN DRAFTING AGENDA NEW 1977 SESSION.
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